Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method for inhibiting freeze concentration of a substance other than water molecules contained in a hydrous material during freezing of the hydrous material, the hydrous material containing water molecules and the substance other than water molecules, wherein the method comprises a step of adding an antifreeze protein to the hydrous material.

2. (Original) The method for inhibiting the freeze concentration of a substance other than water molecules contained in a hydrous material according to claim 1, wherein the hydrous material has a pH ranging from 2.0 to 11.0 in the step of adding an antifreeze protein to the hydrous material.

3. (Original) The method for inhibiting the freeze concentration of a substance other than water molecules contained in a hydrous material according to claim 1, wherein the hydrous material has a temperature ranging from 0°C to 70°C in the step of adding an antifreeze protein to the hydrous material.

4-6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a frozen product or freeze-dried product by freezing or freeze-drying a hydrous material containing water molecules and a component

other than water molecules, wherein the component other than water molecules is homogeneously dispersed in the frozen product or freeze-dried product, the method ~~comprising a step of adding an antifreeze protein to the hydrous material~~ using the method as recited in Claim 1.

8. (Original) The method for producing a frozen product or freeze-dried product according to claim 7, wherein the hydrous material has a pH ranging from 2.0 to 11.0 in the step of adding an antifreeze protein to the hydrous material.

9. (Original) The method for producing a frozen product or freeze-dried product according to claim 7, wherein the hydrous material has a temperature ranging from 0°C to 70°C in the step of adding an antifreeze protein to the hydrous material.